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HOMEOWNERS ADVISED TO KEEP STORM DRAINS, SANITARY SEWER LINES CLEAR

Herndon, VA (March 10, 2008) – The Town of Herndon’s Department of Public Works is advising all homeowners to keep public storm drains and sanitary sewers clear of leaves, grass clippings, rocks and trash, all of which may cause blockages.

“Yard waste and trash that is swept into storm drains may end up in creeks and streams, thereby polluting our environment,” said Bob Boxer, director of Public Works. “These types of debris may also cause sewage backups if swept into public sanitary sewer lines.”

Homeowners are responsible for their lateral sewer lines, which connect homes to the Town’s sewer system. These tips can help prevent blockages:

- ? Don’t put cooking oils and grease down a garbage disposal or any household drain. Fats, oils and grease can build up, creating blockages.
- ? Don’t flush disposable diapers or sanitary napkins down the toilet – even if labels indicate this is acceptable.

Most insurance policies do not automatically cover damage caused by flooding or sewer backups. Homeowners and renters may contact their insurance companies to obtain this additional protection.

For more information, contact the Department of Public Works at 703/435-6853.

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3rd largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 23,000 citizens. Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 23,500 people. *Business Week* Magazine has named Herndon one of the nation's "Best Affordable Suburbs."

For more information, visit the Town's website at www.herndon-va.gov.

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